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The Chinese Communist Trading Agency in Hong Kong found that under the export restrictions it was no longer able to maintain a smooth flow of commodities from Hong Kong to China. In order to get military supplies the Tientsin Import Trading Company<sup>1</sup> has concluded a contract with a Tientsin firm which is financed by Swiss capital whereby this firm, which belongs to a neutral company, will purchase commodities for the Chinese Communists in Great Britain, West Germany and elsewhere in Europe and will arrange for the shipment of these commodities in neutral bottoms. By the end of May large transactions in machinery and chemicals for military use had been concluded. The firm is the Ta Ho Heng (太和恒) Company, in the Hsin Hua Building, Liberation Road, First District, Tientsin (formerly Central, or Chung Ch'eng Road in the old French Concession).<sup>2</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. This is probably the China National Import Corporation of Tientsin [REDACTED]  
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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The firm cannot be identified from available records. A business directory for north China, 1947, shows the Hsin Hua Trust and Savings Bank at 14 Chung Cheng Road, First District, Tientsin.

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